

Church News.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

The Michigan State Conference will be held at the Bethel church, October 3, 4, and 5, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Come let us have a rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. There will be Communion services in connection with the Conference.

The churches of Michigan will please consider what questions, if any, they wish placed upon the program, and send the same to brother George Clum, Woodland, Mich., Chairman of the Executive Committee. Those coming from the east will be met at Decatur, on the two o'clock train. Those coming from the west, will be met at Cassapolis. Those coming from the south will be met at Penn.

WALTER CLARK, Chairman of Ex. Com.

FROM RIPON, CAL.

I now write you for the information of all concerned, that my labors in California under the direction of our State Board of Evangelism are closed for the summer. Our efforts since Conference, have been greatly blessed. The results of the meeting in Calaveras Co., were three conversions. (James 5: 19, 20.) And also established a social Prayer-meeting. This will be a great help to the members, and also others there, as they have no regular preaching service.

From here I went to Turlock. Meetings were held in town and at Fair View school house, lasting in all some over two weeks. Here four were added by conversion and baptism and it is seldom that we see happier homes than those to which these new members belong. And the happiness is largely shared by all the members of the Turlock church. This church elected two of her number to the office of the minister. The brethren elected are C. and D. W. Ronk. These brethren are earnest workers in the Master's cause, and the work of the church will doubtless be materially advanced through their efforts.

Immediately following this work of the church was held a very enjoyable communion service. This service and also the election was held at the home of Brother and Sister Bonnett. This home seems to be a centre towards which gravitate and around which cluster the affections of the members of the Turlock church. And evidently deservedly so. The guess is ventured that this church will, ere long, exert the leading influence in exemplifying the Master's life and teaching on this coast. To California it may

sound a little breezy, but it is nevertheless true that the location of a colony in the vicinity of Turlock, is now contemplated. Among the improvements talked of is a ten acre lot to be planted in flowers, shrubbery and trees with a view of furnishing an inviting place for holding Brethren's Camp-meetings. By about the 20th inst., I expect, the Lord willing, to be on the way towards that little empire we call "home."

I expect however to return to California with my family, by next September. And now to all the dear members—and also to others—in California I say, many, many thanks for much kindness enjoyed during my sojourn among you, and may God grant us all grace to be devoted and faithful to the Lord, so that at last we may all meet in the "better land" and realize our most ardent desires of love and joy in the "Home of the soul." Kindly and fraternally,

P. S. GARMAN.

FROM WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO.

Again we come with our report from this place. We have been silent for a while, there being nothing special to write upon. But we now have a brief report which may be of some interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST. On June 15, sister Laura Grossnickle came to us and stayed over the Lord's day with us, and after the Sabbath-school was over she gave us quite a good talk in the interest of the S. S. C. E., and at 8 o'clock in the evening preached us quite an interesting sermon, after which she organized an S. S. C. E., with sixteen members. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Melvina Baughman; vice president, Mrs. Lyda Rose; secretary, Candace Tombaugh; treasurer, Mrs. V. A. Joliff. We have often read Sister Grossnickle's letters in the EVANGELIST, but now that we have seen her and are slightly acquainted with her, we can read her letters with more interest. Our K. C. society at this place is working nicely. Good interest is taken which is the life of the society. The membership committee handed in three new names Sunday evening which is very encouraging. We are having a good Sabbath-school at this place. Great interest is taken by teachers and scholars.

June 17. W. O. TROWBRIDGE.

FROM HARRISONBURG, VA.

We are still at work. Three added to the church at Bethlehem to-day. Others near the cross. The weather is hot, but we do not stop work. We hope much good may be done in the name of the Lord. Pray for us brethren.

JOS. I. HALL.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG, PA.

I want to inform all interested that the cause is prospering in the *cope* under the writer's charge. We have had no fictitious boom, but a gradual growth is seen both spiritual and numerical. The love-feast at New Enterprise was well attended. One was restored into communion with the brethren, also one baptized, and one received by laying on of hands, prayer, and hand of fellow-ship, who had formerly been a member of the G. B. B. Brother W. L. Spanogle was with us and assisted us at communion on eve of 9. Last eve (16) we held our communion. Here had a glorious feast in soul. Brother S., was with us here and we greatly appreciated his help, and an excellent sermon which he delivered after communion to an attentive but packed house of listeners.

I want to offer here a suggestion to our correspondents as some mail has failed to reach me. The name of our town is Fredericksburg, but owing to the fact that there is another town by that name in Pennsylvania, our post-office must necessarily have another name. That name is *Clover Creek*. Owing to some mistake some where the change in my post-office address has not appeared, thus far. Yours as ever for the cause and salvation of all,

E. H. SMITH.

FROM ZANESVILLE, IND.

It has been some time since there has been a report from our class, yet we are still at work. Since last fall we have been without a regular pastor, until last Easter when Brother Cripe came to our aid. Finding him to be a worthy minister, one whom we trust will do us good, the brethren employed him for the year. Though he is aged we trust that God will give him strength for the work which his noble hands may find to do. We have Sunday-school. The attendance is small but the interest is good. Our Y. P. S. C. E. is prospering. We find it is such a good help to us. We gain so much strength in the meeting. The children have been organized into a Junior class of King's Children. They are doing such good work. We are surrounded by churches of other denominations which for some reason or other causes us to have small attendance, but we hope that by the co-operation of the Young People's society, and brethren and pastor, that we may hold forth the "Gospel-alone doctrine" in such a way that our friends may be led to "the truth and light" and obey. May we have the earnest prayers of the brethren, that by God's grace and help that we may be greatly blessed and our church built up.

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